

**Roger Morris to George Washington, November 3, 1755,
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FROM CAPTAIN ROGER MORRIS. ¹

PHILADELPHIA Nov 3d. 1755

DEAR WASHINGTON.

Yours of the 17th. Octr. from Winchester I receivd from Gist, when I was down at Winchester with Governor Morris.

I own, I am at a loss what to say in answer to some particulars in your Letter & shall only appeal to your own judgment, from what I say.

I have not since we parted at Fort Cumberland, receivd a single Line from you; Orme indeed had a Letter wherein you desird I would send you a Copy of the Orders given from the time you [obliterated] left the little Meadows, to the Time of the Action on the Monongahala.

Major Helkets [obliterated] orderly Books, being lost I could not gett an authentick copy that was proper, & therefore was oblig'd from Necessity, to omit what I would have comply'd with with Pleasure, if I had had it in my Power —

We are here greatly alarm'd the Particulars of which you will receive a better Information of from Gist² —

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I am left here recruiting, but I am told Application is made, to Genl. Shirley to order back, the two Regts. that are now at Albany, or such part of them as he thinks can be spared—I own I dont imagine they can come or if they do that they will come time enough to prevent the Mischief, that will be done by the Indians —

I must now conclude, as Gist is waiting, and desire you to forbear your Judgment, till I am convicted by Proof, or very strong Presumption, of [obliterated] sure at present I am innocent of —

I am as I always was Your very well Wisher & obedt. Servt. ROGER MORRIS

1 Roger Morris, born in England, January 28, 1717, died in York, September 13 1794; married Mary Philipse in 1758.

2 After the attack on Fort Cumberland, a body of French and Indians, reckoned by Governor Dinwiddie at about 2500, marched into Pennsylvania to the Susquehanna with intent to build a fort there, committing murders and other barbarities on their way.